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Attorney Docket No.

VTN-581

First Inventor

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Title

Rigid Vacuum Tip

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP Chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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2. Applicant claims small entity status.

3. Specification [Total Pages 17]

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- Descriptive Title of the Invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. Drawing(s)(35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 5]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]

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7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or
Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence
Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

- a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)

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- ii. paper

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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

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10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)

11. English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. Information Disclosure Statement
(IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS
Citations

13. Preliminary Amendment

14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)

15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)

16. Request and Certifications under 35 U.S.C. 122
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17. Other

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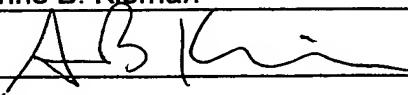
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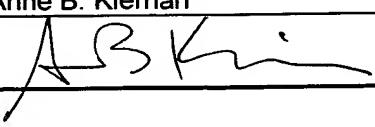
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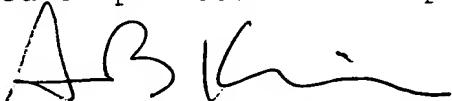
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